

CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

7 pm, Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Carmel Valley Library, Community Room
3919 Townsgate Dr., San Diego, Ca 92130

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Rick Newman was excused, all other board members attended.

Chair White noted Alex Novokolsky will be leaving the board and Chair White thanked Alex for his years of dedication and service. Mel Millstein presented both Ken Farinsky and Alex Novolkosky with a certificate of appreciation.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2008

Scott Tillson requested the minutes note that he recused himself on the San Diego Corporate Center Mixed-use project information item and that reference to his comments on the matter be noted as from a member of the public. Dean requested the minutes of the San Diego Corporate Center item reflect his encouragement for the applicant to meet with homeowners associations and to host community forums. Under the CPC subcommittee report, Manjeet Ranu requested the words ‘nothing appeared applicable to Carmel Valley’ be struck. Under Council District 1 Report, Scott Tillson noted Faulconer was misspelled and the reference to fire station should be changed to fire engine. A motion by Dave McIntyre to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Gary Levitt, unanimously approved. (12-0)

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

No items.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Speakers are limited to topics not listed on the agenda. Presentations are limited to 3 minutes or less.

Dana Fuderich representing the Del Mar Pines elementary school updated the board on the traffic issues along Torrington Street. Dana reported much has happened since she last spoke to the board. There was a meeting at the site where everyone agreed there is a problem and they are working together on a solution, including the police department. Solution considerations include an education process; safe driver contracts; and they are exploring the opportunity of hosting a community forum. A speed trailer has been provided and is proving to be effective. Also, the City of San Diego Traffic Department has begun traffic surveys during school hours. Dana thanked the board for helping. Dianne Wist (Del Mar Pines principal) provided her email as a contact for any concerns – diannevistdmp@yahoo.com. Gary Levitt mentioned ‘Walk San Diego’ has some creative solutions that may make the area more walkable. Chair White thanked Mel Millstein for their help in moving towards a resolution of the matter. Another member of the public suggested they consider resulting traffic impacts that may result from any proposed changes. Scott Tillson noted he observed the traffic when Councilmember Sherri Lightner and the city were at the area. Steve Howe, a member of the public who works at home during the day urged the board to consider the whole traffic ecosystem that may be impacted by changes.

Paul Metcalf introduced himself as a member of the Del Mar Mesa Board. He is representing Bob Barczewski and would like to get on a future agenda regarding a site development permit

for environmental issues. A portion is in Deer Canyon near Rancho Glen Estates (Barratt) – from Rancho Santa Fe Farms Road. Paul offered a site visit with the planning group members. Chair White recommended discussing the item with the regional issues subcommittee.

Jan Fuchs noted the next regional issue is on April 1. Jan requested a list of the incoming board members.

John Dean noted the bus stop with advertising has been removed on El Camino Real.

Karen Dubey mentioned she has a concern regarding two Carmel Valley newspaper reports on the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board stating that the reason for needing the I-5/SR-56 connectors is because of Pacific Highlands Ranch. Karen clarified PHR is not the reason for the ramps and that the ramps were already planned. Karen further clarified the ramps were a ballot measure stipulation that was put on PHR. Karen also noted Airoso has offered their recreation center room for MAD meetings for no fee.

Mike Magic of Del Mar Trails noted he has concerns with parking at the Piazza Carmel. He is concerned about the new 23 acre site and parking.

David Bartick requested moving the individual reports to the front of the agenda. Chair White noted he felt...will take under consideration,

Ken Farinsky noted the new Carmel Valley Recreation Center brochure is out.

Allen Kashani noted there was SDG&E work on Del Mar Heights Road and the road has been left in poor condition. Allen also not aware of what the purpose of the work was for. Mel Millstein agreed to get back to the board on the issue.

Ken Farinsky noted boxes on Village Loop Road in Pacific Highlands Ranch are in the middle of the sidewalk. Dean commented Tim Nguyen has conversed with development services and there are currently no guidelines for community impact. Tim has met with deputy city attorneys to develop guidelines.

Anne Harvey noted she heard the planning commission broadcast about Torrey Pines Monopole. Chair White attended and spoke about what happened at the hearing.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS – San Diego Police Department, San Diego Fire Department, United States Officer Sells mentioned they have had public meetings and they are increasing patrolling due to an increase in robberies. Last month, 350 people asked to be added to his email list. Officer Sells asked the public to refer emails to him so he can verify whether the information is factual. Officer Sells provided his email gsells@pd.sandiego.gov and phone 858-523-7031. Nancy Novac asked about neighborhood watch signs – Officer Sells asked people to email him so he can provide links to get new signs. Jan Fuchs asked about self defense training – Officer Sells mentioned the police department does not handle this but there may be businesses that can accommodate. Mel Millstein mentioned there is some info on the councilmember's site that may be helpful. A member of the public noted there are frequent red-light runners at the intersection of Carmel Mountain and Carmel Creek. Officer Sells mentioned he will pass on the message.

Karen Dubey also commented the SR56 Eastbound to Northbound Ramp has the same issue. Manjeet Ranu noted there is email correspondence on Pacific Highlands Ranch forums about alleged car prowls and asked for extra patrols. Dave McIntyre mentioned he is looking into donating mountain bikes to the police department.

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

G. INFORMATION AGENDA:

None.

H. ACTION AGENDA:

1. Little McGonigle Ranch Rd. (Camino Santa Fe): Consider a request to the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board that we be a part of the discussion on whether Little McGonigle Ranch Rd connects into Del Mar Mesa.

- Applicant – CVCPB

Allen Kashani and Gary Levitt recused.

Manjeet Ranu mentioned that he asked for this item to be on the agenda. Manjeet noted the road is part of the circulation element and he assumes the road's intent is to provide connectivity including emergency access, shopping and spreading traffic assessments. He also noted there are facilities that are shared. Manjeet recommended we open the lines of discussion with the Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Group. Chair White mentioned he had spoken to Gary and the DMMCPB is receptive to involving Carmel Valley. Laura also mentioned it is important to involve NH10.

Gary Levitt spoke and noted there are 550 homes at build-out in Del Mar Mesa. The FBA cost of the road has increased from \$7MM to \$15-\$17MM. There are also challenges with import material and environmental impacts to wetlands. Gary also discussed the aesthetic impact to the valley. Gary also spoke about the four lane road becoming a meandering two-lane road within Del Mar Mesa. Gary presented a map showing that the road does not appear to be a short-cut for SR-56/I-5 drivers. Gary noted they approached the city to understand impacts with deleting the road but nothing has happened. The DMMCPB is looking at emergency access in lieu of a road. Gary welcomes the Carmel Valley board's involvement when there is more discussion.

Laura Copic mentioned she does not imagine the road being a circulation element and she stressed the importance of considering emergency access.

Christian Clews commented that Del Mar Mesa was planned with a dark sky ordinance. Ken Farinsky commented this board should worry about Carmel Valley.

Paul Metcalf mentioned the emergency access solution is not a 'pipe dream' because the waterline must be installed.

Dean Dubey supported the idea of sending the letter and mentioned further discussion about the subarea plan is necessary. Dean also noted he doesn't mind the inter-neighborhood connectivity.

Scott Tillson mentioned his concerns about connectivity and noted we are already missing many north/south surface street connections such as Camino Santa Fe (on the west) and Camino Ruiz (on the east) across Penasquitos Canyon. The Little McGonigle Ranch Road connection does provide an additional surface street routing for local traffic as opposed to freeways. Scott noted there was discussion during development of the Del Mar Mesa Specific Plan of cul-de-sac'ing Shaw Ridge Road to help shield residential areas of Del Mar Mesa, once the Carmel Mtn. Rd./Camino Santa Fe connection was completed. The Carmel Mtn. Rd./Camino Santa Fe (now Little McGonigle Ranch Rd.) through route was a part of the completed plan and understood to be a future part of the local circulation element back them. Compromises in other local street connections were made as a result (e.g. closing off Sorrento Valley Road south of Carmel Valley Road to Pump Station 65 and deleting the extension of Carmel Creek Roas up onto Carmel Mtn.). Each step to eliminate a street has repercussions. If the issue is that the Del Mar Mesa extension cannot find the connection on its own, Scott also mentioned a reapportionment of FBA fees may need to be considered.

Jill McCarty mentioned Pacific Highlands Ranch is approaching 5000 homes whereas Del Mar Mesa is 450+ units. Jill is concerned about putting a lot of cars onto Del Mar Mesa Road.

Dave Bartick motioned to submit the letter, seconded by Jill McCarty – unanimously approved (12-2 – Allen and Gary recused)

2. Elections: Announce the results of the election. The elected representatives shall be validated and seated in April.

- Applicant – Elections Subcommittee, Ken Farinsky

Ken Farinsky asked if anyone had any contentions to make – nobody spoke. Ken then opened ballots. NH1 – one vote for Rick Newman; NH3 – one vote for Ken Farinky, one for Nancy Novak (so Nancy won because Ken is termed out); NH5 – 3 votes for Scott Tillson; NH6 – one vote for Suzanne Bankhead; District 12 (PHR) – two votes for Dean Dubey; District 11 (PHR) – two votes for Manjeet; NH10 – one vote for Laura Copic; Business seat – one vote for Jill McCarthy (since Jill received the most votes she will not need to run next year); Ken noted Victor Manoushakian isn't considered a candidate but the board will be advertising for appointment candidates in the future and the investor seat and business seat are in same situation.

Chair White made an announcement for NH9, investor & business seat asking that if anyone is interested that they contact Chair White or Secretary Allen Kashani. Robert Cimo, introduced by Alex Novolkosky announced he is interested in running for NH9. Ken noted Rodney Hunt running for investor and Victor running for business seat. They both introduced themselves.

Chair White noted next month the board will certify the elections and seat board members.

I. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Regional Issues & Design Review Anne Harvey/Jan Fuchs

The next meeting is 4:30PM April 1 at the Carmel Valley Library. Creekside Villas will be discussed then. The Barczewski's project will be put on the May meeting.

2. F.B.A. Frisco White

No report.

3. M.A.D. Dave Mc Intyre

They are continuing to look at reducing water usage. Next meeting is on Tuesday May 5 4:30PM at the Carmel Valley Recreation Building.

4. M.A.D. N 10 Laura Copic

Next meeting is on Tuesday May 5 6PM at the Carmel Valley Recreation Building. They are also looking at water issues.

5. M.A.D. PHR Dean Dubey/Manjeet Ranu

Next meeting is March 19 7PM at the Airoso Recreation Center.

6. By-Laws/Elections/Policies/Procedures Vacant

David Bartick and Jill McCarty will put together a slate of officers with assistance from Ken Farinsky.

7. Community Concourse Alex Novokolsky

No report.

8. Trails Anne Harvey

Manjeet Ranu mentioned a meeting was held in the field regarding the Gonsalves wildlife crossing. The group was tasked to look at funding options.

9. CVREP Christian Clews

Christian Clews noted he heard about SDG&E's reconductoring from Encina to the Penasquitos substation. Also noted Christian heard there is a future pipeline project that may impact CVREP. Laura noted the improvements go through Carmel Mountain and Torrey Hills and was concerned the board has not heard about this.

10. San Dieguito River Park Anne Harvey/Jan Fuchs

No report.

11. Route 56 Steering Committee Scott Tillson/Jan Fuchs

Next meeting March 19 2PM in the Carmel Valley Library. Scott Tillson noted there is a correction – the SR56/I-5 widening is still in the RTIP.

12. CPC Manjeet Ranu

There was discussion about an amateur radio tower ordinance and community gardens. Staff is clear they are not interested in allowing community gardens given environmentally sensitive lands.

13. Signage John Dean

No report.

J. CHAIR's REPORT

No report.

K. COMMUNITY PLANNER REPORT – Tim Nguyen, City of San Diego

No report.

L. COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 REPORT – Mel Millstein, Office of Councilmember Lightner
Mel Millstein provided Special Commendation to those who will be leaving the board. Mel also discussed the crime forum and mentioned addressing crime is a top priority for Councilmember Sherri Lightner. Sherri has been working with the mayor's office with a variety of issues including trash pickup on the beach; traffic policing in Del Mar Trails; Del Mar Pines traffic issues. Councilmember Sherri Lightner has been working on getting public meetings for feedback on the budget.

M. MAYOR'S REPORT – Stephen Lew, Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders

No report.

N. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Sachiko Kohatsu, Office of Supervisor Pam Slater
Sachiko was ill and could not attend.

O. STATE ASSEMBLY REPORT – Office of Assembly member Fletcher
Barbara Akers provided a biography of Assembly member Nathan Fletcher. Barbara reported on tax increases at the request of Allen Kashani. Barbara jokingly mentioned there was something for everyone to hate in this budget. In summary there will be a one-cent increase in state sales tax effective April 1; all taxes are tied with prop 1A; the sales tax increase sunsets at end of June 2012 (3-year tax); if voters fail to approve 1A, the tax increase will expire prop 1A sooner; there are increases to the personal income bracket – each bracket increased by 0.25%; will be losing part of dependant tax credit – from \$309 down to \$99/dependant; vehicle license fees will be increased from 0.65% to 1.15% beginning May 19, 2009 and expires June of 2013 unless the budget cap is defeated, in which case it will expire sooner. Barbara mentioned the discipline and responsibility for spending is an important issue to the state.

P. OLD / ONGOING BUSINESS:

None.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

None.

R. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Carmel Valley Library, 7 pm